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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.